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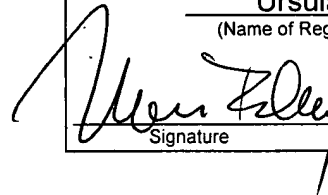
In re Application of:)
JOSÉ MARIA SEGURA)
Appl. No.: 10/500,621) Art Unit: 3611
Filed: June 29, 2004)
For: PULL-BACK MECHANISM FOR A)
COVERING FLAP OF AN AIR BAG SYSTEM)

SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to D). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 197 24 594 A1	Volkswagen AG	01-02-1998
B)	Germany	DE 199 60 251 A1	Maikowski	06-21-2001
C)	Germany	DE 44 42 543 A1	Mercedes-Benz	01-25-1996
D)	Germany	DE 297 21 644 U1	TRW Occupant	05-14-1998

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) describes an occupant protection device of at least one folded expandable airbag, an outlet (14) for the unfurling airbag, as well as a cover (12) that is firmly held by a latch (16) in the outlet's locking position. Release of the latch is realized via the operation of at least one accelerated inertial mass (20;18a,18b) on the cover and/or on the latch. The inertial mass may operate on the cover which may be built as a shade (62). The latch may be built as a magnetic latch and comprise of a permanent magnetic element (54) and a ferromagnetic holder element (58). Release of the latch is via the inertial force of the inertial mass if a prescribed wheel slip of the vehicle is overshoot.

Reference B) describes an airbag module with a folded inflatable airbag (14) in a casing (12), and a casing cover (16) which moves along a preset path to enable the airbag to unfold towards the occupants (22). The opening movement of the cover takes place in a direction including a radial translatory component which is perpendicular to the unfolding path.

Reference C) describes a unit having a bag shell in a recess behind a plate covering an air bag cover. A flexible band (8) attached to the bag shell (3) runs from the cover (5) around a vehicle component (9) and to the bag shell at a region which is moved out of the recess when the shell moves out. Thus the cover is pulled behind the cover plate (2) by the bag shell movement and the band. The band may pass from the cover around a cross-bearer (9) in the vehicle. The band may be run around the recess (4) for the bag.

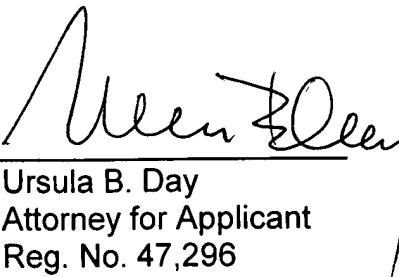
Reference D) describes a gas bag module of a vehicle occupant restraint system comprises a housing, a gas bag arranged therein, a gas generator for filling the gas bag with compressed gas, and a cover which in a closed position closes the housing and can be brought into an opened position after activation of the gas generator so that the gas bag can emerge from the housing. The cover is coupled to a support element which is spatially separate from the cover. The support element, after activation of the gas generator, is exposed to a force resulting from the compressed gas produced by the gas generator and biases the cover into the opened position.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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	DE 297 21 644 U1	05-14-1998	Germany			no

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